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Mr. Meade A. Stirland
General Manager, New Mexico Operations
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Dear Mr. Stirland:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) personnel have recently inspected the Jackpile/Paguate Uranium Mine (Pueblo of Laguna Leases #1, 4, & 8). The erosion control berm along the west side of the Rio Paguate crossing has breached again and needs to be repaired. Runoff from the northwest corner of protore pile SP-1-A has formed gullies which direct the water against the berm. The berm cannot hold this large amount of runoff without eventually failing.

To prevent future berm failures, a new berm should be built across the access ramp at the northwest corner of protore pile SP-1-A. The road crossing should be graded, filled, and leveled to remove the gullies and to direct runoff away from the stream berms and toward the north side of the Paguate crossing.

Please remember that periodic inspection and maintenance of the erosion control berms is required by BLM's instructions of January 22, 1982. Your continued compliance with those instructions will be appreciated. Please notify this office when the repairs have been made.

Sincerely,

Herrick E. Hanks
Rio Puerco Resource Area
Manager

cc: Area Director, AAO, BIA
Superintendent, Laguna Agency, BIA
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